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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 1 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 February 2004.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 22-58 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 22-58 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Restriction is required under 35 U.S.C. 121 and 372.

This application contains the following inventions or groups of inventions, which are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. To have a general inventive concept under PCT rule 13.1, the inventions need to be linked by a special technical feature.

The special technical feature that appears to link claims 22-38, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 55-58 is antibody purification thorough pH and isoelectric point. However, the reference of Huang et al. (Enzyme and Microbial Technology, Vol.17, 1995, pages 546-569) and the abstract of Thompson et al. (Preparative Biochemistry, 1991, Vol.21 No.4, pages 229-235) disclose antibody purification techniques employing isoelectric point/net charge analysis and pH. For example see, abstracts and page 564 in Huang et al. Therefore the technical feature recited in claims 22-38, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 55-58 is not a contribution over the prior art. Accordingly the groups set forth below are not so linked as to form a single general concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

The special technical feature that appears to link claims 39-47, 50, 52, and 54 is antibody purification thorough pH without isoelectric points or IEF procedures. However, the reference of Mhatre et al. (Journal of Chromatography A, 1995, 707(2), pages 225-231) discloses antibody purification techniques wherein cation-exchange chromatography and pH gradient elution are used to separate and purify proteins (antibodies). For example see, abstract and page 225/229.

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Therefore the technical feature recited in claims 39-47, 50, 52, and 54 is not a contribution over the prior art. Accordingly the groups set forth below are not so linked as to form a single general concept under PCT Rule 13.1.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in reply to this action, to elect a single invention to which the claims must be restricted.

- A. Group I, claim(s) 22-38, 48, 49, 51, 53, and 55-58 are drawn to a method/system and antibody product wherein the antibody is isolated by a fluid stream having a selected Ph and isoelectric point, classified in class 436, subclass 516 and class 530, subclass 387.1 for example. (A method, product, and apparatus that require isoelectric point analysis – special technical feature).
 - B. Group II, claim(s) 39-47, 50, 52, and 54 are drawn to a method and system wherein the antibody is isolated by a fluid stream having a selected Ph, classified in class 435, subclass 326 and class 422, subclass 82.04 for example. (A method and apparatus not requiring isoelectric point analysis).
2. The following inventions or groups of inventions are not so linked as to form a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1. In accordance with 37 CFR 1.499, applicant is required, in response to this action, to elect a single invention, to which the claims must be restricted.

3. The inventions listed as Groups A and B, do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The method and apparatus of Group A require an isoelectric point and net charge analysis, which are not required in the invention of Group B. Therefore the inventions are directed to different processes that have different required method steps and reagents (being diverse and distinct t). The two Groups A and B, lack the same corresponding technical feature and do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rules 13.1 and 13.2.

4. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper. Please note that the classifications in the restriction are illustrative only and **do not** represent all the classes and subclasses which must be searched for each invention; nor is the search limited to issued US patents, but rather includes foreign patents and applications as well as literature searches.

5. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group A through I are not totally inclusive, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

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Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

6. Applicant is advised that the reply to this requirement to be complete must include an election of the invention to be examined even though the requirement is traversed (37 CFR 1.143).

7. Applicant is reminded that upon cancellation of claims to a non-elected invention, the inventorship must be amended in compliance with 37 CFR 1.48(b) if one or more of the currently named inventors is no longer an inventor of at least one claim remaining in the application. Any amendment of inventorship must be accompanied by a petition under 37 CFR 1.48(b) and by the fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(I).

8. Papers related to this application may be submitted to Group 1600 by facsimile transmission. Papers should be faxed to Group 1600 via the PTO fax center located in Crystal Mall 1. The faxing of such papers must conform to the notice published in the Official Gazette, 1096 OG 30 (November 15, 1989). The Group 1641 Fax number is (571) 273-8300, which is able to receive transmissions 24 hours/day, 7 days/week.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lisa V. Cook whose telephone number is (571) 272-0816. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday from 7:00 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Long Le, can be reached on (571) 272-0823.

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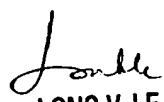
Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group TC 1600 whose telephone number is (571) 272-1600.

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